

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1339

BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES; AMENDING SECTION 49-403A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A DISABILITY SYMBOL ON A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT LICENSE PLATE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 49, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 49-403C, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH A PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTOR-CYCLE LICENSE PLATE PROGRAM.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 49-403A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

49-403A. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT -- LICENSE PLATES. (1) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States, reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who furnishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

(a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the purple heart medal;

(b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

(c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the applicant.

(2) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient shall not register more than two (2) vehicles under the provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any vehicle with a registered maximum gross weight over twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds, nor to any vehicle registered under section 49-434(5), Idaho Code.

(3) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

(4) The purple heart recipient license plates shall be of a color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department.

(5) Effective January 1, 2015, for those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner of the vehicle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section 49-410, Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple heart license plates. Such requirements must be met upon application for the license plates. Those plates with the disability symbol shall be nontransferable to a surviving spouse, unless the requirements of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.

SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 49, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and designated as Section 49-403C, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

49-403C. PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT MOTORCYCLE LICENSE PLATE. (1) On and after January 1, 2015, any person who is the owner of a motorcycle registered under the provisions of section 49-402, Idaho Code, may apply for and upon department approval receive a purple heart motorcycle license plate in lieu of a regular motorcycle license plate.

(2) Purple heart recipient license plates are available to any applicant who is a veteran or an active or retired member of any of the armed forces of the United States, reserve forces or Idaho national guard, and who furnishes proof of entitlement by providing one (1) of the following documents:

(a) A copy of form DD214 or equivalent document showing an award of the purple heart medal;

(b) A copy of the certificate presented with the medal; or

(c) A copy of the military order describing the award of the medal to the applicant.

(3) In addition to the regular registration fee, the applicant shall be charged the plate fee required in section 49-450, Idaho Code. Whenever title or interest in a vehicle registered under the provisions of this section is transferred or assigned, the registration shall expire, but the purple heart recipient may transfer his plates to another vehicle upon payment of the required transfer fees. He may only display the plates after receipt of new registration from the department. A purple heart recipient shall not register more than two (2) vehicles under the provisions of this section.

(4) Purple heart recipient license plates may be retained and displayed on vehicles owned by the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient. In addition, the surviving spouse of a deceased purple heart recipient is eligible to reapply for and shall be issued purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates if the deceased purple heart recipient died on or after January 1 of the five (5) years preceding the date of reapplication for the plates. Such plates shall be used on a motorcycle owned by the surviving spouse.

(5) The purple heart recipient motorcycle license plates shall be of a color and design acceptable to the military order of the purple heart association and approved by the department, utilizing a numbering system as determined by the department.

(6) For those purple heart recipients who are listed as an owner on a motorcycle who also qualify as disabled pursuant to section 49-410, Idaho Code, the international accessible symbol will also appear on the purple heart motorcycle license plates. Such requirements must be met upon application for the motorcycle license plates. Those plates with the disability

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2 ments of section 49-410, Idaho Code, can be met by the spouse.